

Bicycle/Transit Integration

Helping cyclists to travel farther and easier than they could by bike alone, two programs have been developed with Miami-Dade Transit:

Metrorail Bicycle Lockers

Lockers to store a normal-sized bicycle are available for rent from the MPO at the following Metrorail stations:

Okeechobee, Hialeah, Northside, Brownsville, Earlington Heights, Santa Clara, Government Center, Vizcaya, Coconut Grove, Douglas Road, University, South Miami, Dadeland North and Dadeland South.



The cost to rent a bicycle locker is:

- 3 months....\$25
- 6 months....\$45
- Annually.....\$70

(A \$10 key deposit is refunded after the key is returned.)

Bike&Ride

Metrorail

An MDT Bike&Ride permit allows you to bring your bicycle onboard Metrorail during all regular hours.

Metrobus & Metromover

You can also put a bicycle on Metromover or any rack equipped Metrobus during normal operating hours without a Bike&Ride permit. Although not all buses are rack-equipped, MDT plans to expand the service to all bus routes by 2004.

Only normal-sized adult or children's bikes are allowed on



Metrobus, Metromover and Metrorail. (Tricycles, tandems, or mopeds are not allowed.) Children under 12 must be accompanied by a guardian.



To get a free Bike&Ride permit **in person**:

- Stop in at any Metrorail station and ask the guard to issue you one. It's that simple!
- If you're downtown, visit the Transit Information booth at Government Center Metrorail Station (111 NW First Street, Miami weekdays: 8 am to 4 pm);
- Visit your neighborhood Team Metro office. Call 305-468-5900 for the location nearest you.

or, **by mail**:

- Call MDT at: 305-770-3131;
- Send an email request to: mpo@miamidade.gov;
- Download an application: www.miamidade.gov/transit

Tri-Rail

Bikes are also allowed on all Tri-Rail trains with a valid Tri-Rail bike permit. To obtain a permit call 1-800-TRI-RAIL, or visit their website at: www.tri-rail.com.



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Among Florida residents, cycling and walking rank among the most popular outdoor recreational activities.

In the mid 1960s, Dade County established a bikeway system. In 1986, County Commissioners adopted the *Bicycle Comprehensive Plan*, and hired a full-time Bicycle Coordinator to oversee an area-wide bicycle program. The program was later expanded to include pedestrian issues to bring attention to other non-motorized transportation modes.

This program focuses on bicycle/pedestrian Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Engineering.



GET INVOLVED!

The MPO's Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) provides input on plans and projects affecting people who walk or bike. Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month at South Miami City Hall. Everyone is invited to attend and find out more about what is happening in our community.

EDUCATION

Vehicle crashes involving bicyclists and pedestrians account for 40% of the traffic fatalities in Miami-Dade County each year.

To reduce the number of pedestrians killed and injured by motor vehicles, the Bicycle/Pedestrian Program is currently working with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to make walking safer in neighborhoods that have the largest numbers of crashes.

MPO staff provide safety information for bicyclists upon request and also through bike rodeos and other safety events hosted by hospitals, police and community groups.

Material available include the following brochures:

- "Bicycles Are Vehicles"
- "City Cycling"
- "How to Ride at Night"
- "How to Talk to People in Cars"
- "Just Where Do I Belong?"
- "Walking Through the Years"/"Caminando a Través de los Años"
- "Kèk Ti Konsey Pou Pyeton Kapab Mache An Sekirite" ("Safety Tips for Pedestrians" in Haitian Creole)

ENCOURAGEMENT

To inspire more people to walk and bike more, a variety of maps and brochures are available from the MPO, including:

- "Bike Friendly Florida"
- Everglades Trail
- Hiking/Biking Trails of the Everglades
- Miami-Dade County Existing Bikeways
- Oleta State Recreation Area Trails
- "Pathways to Health"
- Southern Glades Trail

Also, the MPO supports the annual "Walk to School Day" event each October when parents are encouraged to walk with their children and help them learn about pedestrian safety.

Each May is national "Bike Month" and "Bike to Work Week". The MPO provides information to help people turn their commute into a healthful, money-saving alternative to driving.

ENFORCEMENT

The bicycle is a legal roadway vehicle. In Florida, cyclists must obey the same laws as motor vehicle operators. These include:

- Obeying all traffic signs and signals
- Riding with the flow of traffic
- Using lights and reflectors at night

Pedestrians have their own legal rights and responsibilities:

- Motor vehicle drivers must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians crossing within a crosswalk.
- Pedestrians, however, may not walk into the path of a vehicle when it is impossible for the driver to yield.
- Pedestrians crossing the road outside of a crosswalk must yield the right-of-way to the all vehicles.

ENGINEERING

Creating safe places to walk and bike is the most important part of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Program. More than three hundred miles of paved paths, bike lanes and unpaved trails exist in Miami-Dade. In addition, most major streets and many neighborhood streets have sidewalks for safe walking. Some recent and upcoming projects include:

- Biscayne Trail (Miami-Dade Parks and Rec.)
- Carol City Trail (US Army Corps of Engineers)
- FIU-Bay Vista Campus Paths (FDOT)
- Miami River Greenway (Miami)
- M-Path Extension to Dadeland (MDT)
- North Beach Recreational Corridor (Miami Beach)
- Safety Engineering for Pedestrians (UF/FDOT/MDPW)
- Snake Creek Trail (North Miami Beach)
- South Dade Greenways Network (MDPW)
- South Dade Trail Extension to Florida City (MDT)

The MPO's Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plans help identify new projects, and support bicycle and pedestrian-friendly designs on all transportation projects.

Bicyclists also need safe places to park their bike at the end of their trip. Since 2000, the Miami-Dade County Zoning Code has required multi-family residential and commercial properties in the unincorporated area to provide secure bike parking close to their primary entrance to support this means of transportation.